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Burlington Animal Services participating in Holiday Fostering Challenge

BURLINGTON, NC— Burlington Animal Services is participating in the Maddie's Fund® Foster Express Challenge that runs through January 10th. The challenge focuses on short-term fostering only and is designed to help shelters get more dogs and cats out of the shelter during the hectic holiday season, get them more exposure, and attract new foster caregivers. Maddie's Fund® will be awarding \$55,000 in grants to shelters across the United States. To qualify for the challenge, a minimum of 25 pets must be fostered for more than two hours (a field trip to a park, a sleepover, weekend stay, etc.) and be less than two weeks. Those interested in taking a pet for a short-term foster should visit Burlington Animal Services during business hours, email fosterpets@burlingtonnc.gov, or call 336-578-0343.

The City of Burlington's Animal Services (BAS) operates and manages all animal shelter functions for Alamance County. BAS is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of people and pets in our community through our commitment to public service, enforcement of state and local laws, providing humane care, promoting responsible pet ownership, and addressing pet overpopulation in Alamance County. We seek to work together with citizens, volunteers, and the greater community towards accomplishing our goals.

Maddie's Fund® is a family foundation created in 1994 by Workday® co-founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl, who have endowed the Foundation with more than \$300 million. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than \$237.6 million in grants toward increased community lifesaving, shelter management leadership, shelter medicine education, and foster care across the U.S. The Duffields named Maddie's Fund after their Miniature Schnauzer Maddie, who always made them laugh and gave them much joy. Maddie was with Dave and Cheryl for ten years and continues to inspire them today. Maddie's Fund is the fulfillment of a promise to an inspirational dog, investing its resources to create a no-kill nation where every dog and cat is guaranteed a healthy home or habitat. #ThanksToMaddie.

To learn more about Burlington Animal Services and view available adoptable animals, visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/pets

WHEN: Now through January 10th

Monday – Friday – 8am - 5pm; Saturday – 10am – 4pm

WHEN: Burlington Animal Services

221 Stone Quarry Rd. Burlington, NC 27215

CONTACT: fosterpets@burlingtonnc.gov

336-578-0343

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